

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

STRATFORD, N. H.

For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31

1952



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Town Officers

	Term Expires
<i>Moderator</i>	
Walter L. Niles	1954
<i>Town Clerk</i>	
Edna Fuller	1953
<i>Selectmen</i>	
George D. Keysar	1953
Aaron E. Stevens	1954
Jessie C. Silsby	1955
<i>Treasurer</i>	
Grace S. Martin	1953
<i>Tax Collector</i>	
Amy J. Blodgett	1953
<i>Health Officer</i>	
Roger Hunt	1953
<i>Library Trustees</i>	
Edith McGuire	1953
Rose Niles	1954
Flora Stevens	1955
<i>Town Road Agent</i>	
Howard McMann	1953
<i>Water Rent Collector</i>	
Frank A. Smith	1953
<i>Supervisors of Check List</i>	
Ruth Barnett	1954
Lena Stinson	1954
Clara LaCasse	1954
<i>Cemetery Trust Fund Trustees</i>	
Dorothy Taylor	1953
Pauline Hunt	1954
Delia B. Hapgood	1955
<i>Cemetery Trustees</i>	
William Fuller	1953
Leslie Barnett	1954
Hugh Johnson	1955
<i>Public Health Nurse</i>	
Delia B. Hapgood	1953
<i>Soldiers' Memorial Trust Fund Treasurers</i>	
Grace S. Martin	
Walter L. Niles	

Town Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford, County of Coos, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said village of North Stratford, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1953, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect two auditors for the ensuing year, or to see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the cost of such an audit.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To elect one selectman for three years, and all other town officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to continue the services of the Public Health Nurse, and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$50.00 toward Blister Rust Control. This amount to be set aside for future use.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for highways, bridges and town maintenance.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the following: Libraries; Memorial Day; Skating Rinks; Sewers; Street Lighting; Cemeteries; Retirement of Bonds; Long Term Notes; Interest; Insurance; Personal Bonds and any other money for the town.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the voters will authorize the selectmen and town treasurer to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate

\$15,000.00 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name, and on the credit of the town, negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year, from taxes collected within the current municipal year.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on any property acquired by the town through tax collector's deeds, with the right to accept or reject all bids.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87.11 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per \$1000 of assessed valuation (1|100th of 1%) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the so-called Cross Road, leading from the D. W. Highway, to the George Shedd buildings, subject to gates and bars.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money to plow three miles of road in East Stratford.

ARTICLE 14. To hear reports of agents, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal at Stratford, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1953.

GEO. D. KEYSAR,
AARON E. STEVENS,
Selectmen of Stratford

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEO. D. KEYSAR,
AARON E. STEVENS,
Selectmen of Stratford.

Budget for 1953

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953 compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

Sources of Revenue

From State:

	Actual 1952	Est. 1953
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 108.69	\$ 110.00
Railroad Tax	1157.42	1150.00
Savings Bank Tax	63.76	70.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	5268.59	5000.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	75.70	25.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	160.00	175.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	13.00	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	1479.00	900.00
Income of Departments	1059.30	1000.00
Highway, including rental of equipment	20.00	20.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:		
Water Departments	3649.12	3500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2739.69	2500.00
Sale of Town Property	191.16	

From Local Taxes Other Than

Property Taxes:

Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	672.00	800.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		20.00

Total Rev. from all Sources except Property Taxes	\$16657.43	\$15270.00
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes		55736.92
<i>Total Revenues</i>		<u>\$71006.92</u>

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1952	Est. 1953
<i>Current Revenue Expenses:</i>		
<i>General Government:</i>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2224.55	\$ 2195.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1099.73	1200.00
Elec. & Regis. Expenses	314.80	100.00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	2185.55	1500.00
<i>Protection of Persons and Property:</i>		
Police Department	52.00	100.00
Fire Department	1038.66	1000.00
Moth Exterm.--Blister Rust		50.00
Insurance	472.13	472.13
<i>Health:</i>		
Health Dept., includ. Hos.	3164.77	2250.00
Vital Statistics	15.95	15.00
Sewer Maintenance	227.00	225.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal		100.00
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>		
Town Maintenance—Summer	1850.55	950.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1099.62	850.00
Street Lighting	1436.44	1450.00
Gen'l Exp. of Highway Dept.		25.00
Town Road Aid	108.61	108.07
<i>Libraries:</i>		
Libraries	500.00	500.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>		
Town Poor	950.91	2650.00
Old Age Assistance	1216.27	1260.00
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>		
Memorial Day & Vet. Assn.	200.00	200.00
Aid to Soldiers & their families	176.34	250.00
<i>Recreation:</i>		
Parks and Playground	6.55	11.00
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>		
Municipally Owned Water & Electric Utilities	696.34	700.00
Cemeteries	113.00	100.00
Surveying Town Lines	307.00	
<i>Unclassified:</i>		
Damages and Legal Expenses	68.48	100.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	278.65	300.00

<i>Interest:</i>		
On Temporary Loans	32.67	50.00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	1052.50	825.00
<i>Payment on Principal of Debt:</i>		
Bonds	4000.00	4000.00
Long Term Notes	2000.00	2000.00
<i>Payments to Other</i>		
<i>Governmental Divisions:</i>		
County Taxes	4096.21	4000.00
School Taxes	35806.48	41470.72
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<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$66791.76	\$71006.92

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$674,603.23
Electric Plants (Public Service Company of N. H.)	61,200.00
Horses, 37	3,700.00
Cows, 287	35,875.00
Other Neat Stock, 41	4,100.00
Sheep and Goats, 3	75.00
Fowls, 200	200.00
Portable Mills	1,500.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	33,054.47
Gasoline Pumps and Tank	1,950.00
Stock in Trade	27,804.00
Mills and Machinery	68,750.00
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Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	\$912,811.70
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	33,977.75
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Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$878,833.95

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Tax Year 1952

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,195.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00
Social Security or Retirement	221.03
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,500.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	500.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	50.00
Health Department	2,000.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	10.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	108.61
Town Maintenance (Summer \$850.00, Winter \$750.00)	1,600.00
New Construction	500.00
Gen'l Expenses of Highway Dept.	50.00
Plowing 3 miles -- East Stratford	200.00
Insurance	472.13
Street Lighting	1,350.00
Sewers	225.00
New Buildings and Lands	1,000.00
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,260.00
Public Relief (Town Poor \$500.00, Soldiers' Aid \$250.00)	750.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc.	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	11.00
Water and Electric Utilities	700.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Damages and Legal Expense	100.00
Payments on Debt (Principal \$5000, Interest \$1077.50)	6,077.50
County Tax	4,096.21
School Tax	35,806.48

Total Town & School Appropriations \$63,147.96

Less—Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Int. and Dividends Tax	\$ 108.69	
Railroad Tax	1,150.00	
Savings Bank Tax	40.00	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	5,268.59	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,300.00	
Dog Licenses	210.00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	750.00	
Water & Electric Depts.	3,750.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		13,577.28
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		\$49,570.68
Plus Overlay		543.97
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Net Amt. to be raised by Taxation		\$50,114.65
Less: 450 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00		900.00
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Amt. to be raised by prop. taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		\$49,214.65
<i>Taxes to be Committed to Collector:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$49,214.65	
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	900.00	
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Total Taxes to be committed	\$50,114.65	
Tax Rate—\$5.60 (Approved by Tax Comm.)		

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: July 25, 1952.

GEORGE D. KEYSAR,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,
AARON E. STEVENS,
Selectmen of Stratford.

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 18,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library, Land & Bldgs., Stratford Hollow	2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Fire Dept., Land & Bldgs., & Library	5,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Highway Dept., Equipment	500.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	2,000.00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	100,000.00
Schools, Lands & Bldgs.	84,800.00
Equipment	11,000.00
Town Histories	200.00
Aldef Leclair, Lands & Bldgs.	1,500.00
Town House, Stratford Center	2,000.00
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> \$231,500.00

Town Clerk's Report

Vital Statistics:

Number of Marriages	8
Copies	3
Number of Births	5
Copies	24
Number of Deaths	7
Copies	5

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

5 1951 Permits	\$ 17.89	
418 1952 Permits	2,721.80	
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Dog Licenses Issued:

77 @ \$2.00	\$ 154.00	
2 @ \$5.00	10.00	
1 Kennel @ \$12.00	12.00	
Less: Fees Retained, 80 @ 20c	16.00	
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Filing Fees		3.00
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Paid to Treasurer	\$2,902.69
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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDNA FULLER,
Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

BALANCE—December 31, 1951 \$15,400.00

Received from:

Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector:

1952	Property Taxes	\$40,190.57	
	Poll Taxes	672.00	
			40,862.57
1951	Property Taxes	5,296.86	
	Poll Taxes	88.00	
	Interest	204.50	
			5,589.36
1950	Property Taxes	25.55	
	Poll Taxes	6.00	
	Interest	.32	
			31.87
1949	Property Taxes	64.40	
	Poll Tax	2.00	
	Interest	4.46	
			70.86
1948	Property Tax	179.55	
	Interest	34.58	
			214.13
	Redeemed Taxes	970.21	
	Interest	32.98	
			1,003.19
	Severance Tax		3,061.23
1951	Head Taxes	215.00	
	Penalties	21.50	
			236.50
1952	Head Taxes	2,025.00	
	Penalties	2.00	
			2,027.00

Frank A. Smith, Water Rent Collector:

Water Rent 3,649.12

Edna Fuller, Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits 2,739.69

Dog Taxes 160.00

Filing Fee 3.00

Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse:	
Health Association Fees	559.30
Stratford School District:	
Health Supervision	500.00
Selectmen:	
Town Property Sold	\$161.00
Interest	3.00
Scrap Iron	8.00
Town Histories	19.16
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	191.16
State of New Hampshire:	
Bounties on Bears	45.00
Bounties on Hedgehogs	17.75
Reimbursement on Plowing	20.00
Reimbursement on Fire Expense	13.80
Reimbursement on Forest Fires	61.90
Reimbursement on Head Tax Expense	12.32
Reimbursement on Severance Tax	2,451.72
Savings Bank Tax	63.76
Interest & Dividends Tax	108.69
Railroad Tax	1,157.42
Nulhegan Auxiliary, V. F. W.:	
Beano Permit	10.00
Canadian National Railways:	
Reimbursement for Fighting Fire	47.30
County of Coos:	
Odell's share of Surveying Town Lines	75.00
Town of Columbia:	
Columbia's share of Surveying Town Lines	16.13
Louis Roby:	
Money loaned on note, plus interest	101.25
Rex York:	
Refund on overpayment	2.00
Stratford Lodge, K. of P. No. 30:	
Rent of Lodge Rooms (3 yrs.)	750.00
Kenneth McMann:	
Rent LeClair House	165.00
Charles Sedgell:	
Rent Graham House	72.00
Elmer Paradis, Town Hall Agent:	
Rent Town Hall	492.00

Farmers & Traders National & Savings Bank:	
Temporary Loan	7,000.00
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<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$88,982.12
<i>Total Payments</i>	70,858.20
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<i>Balance</i> Dec. 31, 1952	\$18,123.92

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE S. MARTIN,
Treasurer.

Water Department Report

Collection for 1952	\$3,650.36
Deposit with Treasurer	3,649.12
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Overpaid 1951 Treasurer	\$ 1.24
Unpaid Account for 1951	\$1,218.37
Billings 1952	3,794.42
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	\$5,012.79
Less Vacancy	134.73
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Collected	\$4,878.06
	3,650.36
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Unpaid Balance	\$1,227.70

FRANK A. SMITH,
Collector.

Public Health Nursing

Nursing Care Calls	786
Obstetrical Deliveries	10
Baby Visits	84
Metropolitan Calls	240
Metropolitan Baby Visits	27
Clinics	3
Welfare	491
School	172

Total	1813
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Fees Collected	\$561.30
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Fees turned to Treasurer	\$561.30
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Respectfully submitted,

DELIA B. HAPGOOD, R. N.

Public Health Nurse.

Veterans' Memorial Funds

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

North Stratford Fund

Balance December 31, 1951		\$413.65
Town Appropriation	\$50.00	
Interest, Earned	5.16	
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Balance in Farmers & Traders' Nat'l & Savings Bk., Bk. Book No. 9432	\$468.81
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GRACE S. MARTIN,
Treasurer

Stratford Hollow Fund

Balance December 31, 1951		\$523.95
Town Appropriation	\$50.00	
Interest, Earned	10.52	
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Balance in Peoples National Bank, Bank Book No. 2816	\$584.47
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WALTER L. NILES,
Treasurer

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

George D. Keysar, Selectman	\$ 300.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Selectman	300.00
Jessie C. Silsby, Selectman	300.00
Grace S. Martin, Treasurer	100.00
Edna Fuller, Town Clerk	100.00
Edna Fuller, Issuing Auto Permits	211.50
Amy J. Blodgett, Clerk	360.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector	508.33
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	\$ 2,179.83

Town Officers' Expenses

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 140.80
Amy J. Blodgett:	
Office Rent	120.00
Postage and Office Supplies	18.12
Attending Tax Meeting	8.75
Attending Tax Collector's convention	15.26
Tax Sale	80.15
Sargent Bros., printing Tax Bills & Notices	24.43
Branham Printing Co., Automobile Guide	3.13
Assn. N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
Aaron E. Stevens, supplies	2.05
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies & books	42.83
Jessie C. Silsby, attending Tax Meeting and Telephone Tolls	8.99
State Tax Commission, Auditing	166.38
Lewis Marshall, Postage and Box Rent	15.00
Coos County Democrat, Printing Town Reports and Notices	245.50
New Hamp. Tax Collectors Assn., dues	3.00
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Town Officers' Bonds	111.50
Coos County Registry of Deeds, Record- ing and Listing	20.12
George D. Keysar, mileage on E. Stratford Road and Bridge	59.64
Sentinel Publishing Co., Affidavits	3.75
Edna Fuller, Postage	4.33

Amy J. Blodgett, repairing Town Flag	4.00
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\$ 1,099.73

Election and Registration

Service League, meals served at March Primaries	\$ 11.00
Leslie E. Barnett, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Ruth Barnett, Supervisor	18.00
Irene Zoulias, Supervisor	6.00
Lena Stinson, Supervisor	18.00
Clara Lacasse, Supervisor	12.00
George Zoulias, Moderator	10.00
Service League, meals served at September Primaries	32.00
Neal Farnsworth, building booths and lumber	7.40
Linwood Severy, Police Duty Election Day	8.00
Charles Stevens, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Walter Niles, Moderator	20.00
Harold Hapgood, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Aaron E. Stevens, pencils	.15
Ruth Farnsworth, Checking Ballots	13.00
Lena Daigneault, Checking Ballots	13.00
Hugh Johnson, Ballot Clerk	5.00
William H. Lehnert, Legal Consultations	92.25
Service League, Meals served at Election	32.00
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\$ 314.80	

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Nugent Motor Co., fuel oil	\$ 820.69
Public Service Co. of N. H., Elec. Lights	127.34
Elmer Paradis, Janitor	381.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	78.47
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, labor and materials	63.88
Stewart Frizzell, tuning & repairing piano	21.00
Harry Savage & Son, repairing roof	22.81
Raymond Savage, electric stove	301.29
Robert Wilson, glass for door	2.35
R. E. York, wiring and materials	72.62
Montgomery Ward, Stainless Steel Table-ware	123.00
Milton Paradis, labor	8.00

Harold Ramsay, stove, barrel and oil for Library (1951)	42.40
Neal Farnsworth, making screens & put- ting up eaves troughs	15.00
L. R. Roberts, painting, materials and repairing Library Bldg.	105.70
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	\$ 2,185.55

Police Department

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Bond	\$ 5.00
Holman Dowse, Police Duty July 1951	9.00
Elmer Paradis, Police Duty	30.00
Linwood Severy, Police Duty	8.00
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	\$ 52.00

Fire Department

Fire Protection Co., Extinguishers wrenches and Chimfex	\$ 66.80
Raymond Savage, Payroll	118.50
Rupert Willey, Payroll and expense	209.45
Conn. General Insurance Co., insurance	82.50
Forestry Recreation Commission, tools for S. Hollow	14.58
Jessie Silsby, freight on fire tools	5.13
Town of Northumberland, Deyette, Stin- son & Belliveau fires	494.00
Aaron E. Stevens, supplies	16.70
Frank A. Smith, labor	31.00
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	\$ 1,038.66

Insurance

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., insurance premiums	\$ 472.13
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Bounties

Jessie C. Silsby, 2 bears, 14 hedgehogs	\$ 13.50
Aaron E. Stevens, 2 bears, 21 hedgehogs	15.25
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	\$ 28.75

Health Department

Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse	\$ 2,300.00
Delia B. Hapgood, Transportation	600.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	70.92
Claire Belisle, Substitute Nurse	121.00
Anita Marshall, Substitute Nurse	7.00

Virginia Stevens, Substitute Nurse	22.00
Roger Hunt, Health Officer	25.00
Roger Hunt, Express charges on water bottles	18.85

\$ 3,164.77

Vital Statistics

Edna Fuller, Fees and returns	\$ 15.95
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Sewer Maintenance

Alice Hutchins, Lease	\$ 200.00
Frank A. Smith, labor	27.00

\$ 227.00

Town Maintenance

<i>Town Road Aid</i>	\$ 108.61
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Summer:

Apr.	Howard McMann, Road Agent	23.00
	Clifford Christie	15.00
	Elmer Egan	11.50
May	Howard McMann	104.60
	Gordon Christie	163.00
	Clifford Christie	73.50
	Franklin Christie	69.50
June	Nugent's Plumbing & Heating,	
	Rail & Bridge work	24.81
	Howard McMann (payroll)	194.50
	State of New Hampshire,	
	Patching	190.27
	Aaron E. Stevens, Plank	53.97
Sept.	P. A. Hicks & Sons, Street Broom	2.70
Oct.	H. E. Savage & Son, Stratford	
	Hollow Bridge	355.84
Nov.	Nugent's Plumbing & Heating,	
	Pipe for Bridge	36.06
	William Sheltry, Plank	32.20
	State of N. H., Tar & Manipulation	393.60
	Howard McMann	42.00
	Gordon Christie	19.00
	Franklin Christie	7.00
	Burl Howland, trucking and sanding	38.50

\$ 1,850.55

Winter:

Jan.	Leo LaPointe, plowing, Dec. 1951	\$ 92.67
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	State of New Hampshire, Snow Removal	24.60
	Burl Howland, Sanding	28.00
	Worthly Odell, shoveling	10.00
	Leo LaPointe, plowing	46.88
	Wm. Patnaude, plowing	2.00
Feb.	Whitney's Garage, plowing	38.00
	Burl Howland, sanding	34.00
Mar.	Whitney's Garage, plowing	111.00
	Leo LaPointe, plowing	120.96
	Gould's Sales & Service, plowing	389.00
	Frederick Reynolds, plowing	38.50
	Burl Howland, sanding	31.20
	Leonard Pearson, plowing, (1951)	52.00
Apr.	Leo LaPointe, plowing (March)	30.01
	Zephyr Riendeau (1951)	40.00
Dec.	Burl Howland, sanding	10.50

\$ 1,099.62

Street Lighting

Public Service Co. of N. H. \$ 1,436.44

Surveying Town Lines

Elwin Pinckney	\$ 49.50
George LaPointe	72.00
Everett Morrison	70.00
Hugh Johnson	111.00
Kenneth Kenney	4.50

\$ 307.00

Head Taxes

State of New Hampshire:

Bal. of 1951 Collections	\$ 231.77
1952 Collections	1,986.46
Amy J. Blodgett, Commission	44.72

\$ 2,262.95

Libraries

Flora Stevens, Treasurer \$ 500.00

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire Welfare Dept. \$ 1,216.27

Town Poor

Earl Brown, wood, milk & potatoes (old account)	\$ 70.00
Alphonse Lacasse, taxi James Bass	2.00

Lina K. Wood, board and care of Maxime Laythe	49.00
Mrs. Elroy Egan, board and care of Laythe children and H. Rainey	351.28
Daniel Webster Home, board Laythe girls	271.50
Robert Hinkley, M. D., services Laythe	27.00
Frank Kropp, M. D., office call M. Laythe	2.50
Hill's Dept. Stores, clothes for Laythe children	16.18
Jessie C. Silsby, clothes for Laythes and and Helena Rainey	94.45
J. J. Sullivan, D. D. S., dental work M. Laythe	2.00
William Lehnert, Legal Services	65.00
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	\$ 950.91
<i>Aid to Soldiers and Their Families</i>	
Elmer Gould, rent	\$ 32.00
H. W. Silsby, groceries and milk	44.34
Loan	100.00
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	\$ 176.34
<i>Memorial Day</i>	
Art Novelty Co., Flags	\$ 12.49
Veterans of Foreign Wars, one-half	43.76
Elizabeth Egan, one-half	43.75
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	100.00
<i>Parks and Playgrounds</i>	
John Drapeau, care of Monument	\$ 5.00
Aaron E. Stevens, paint and brush	1.55
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	\$ 6.55
<i>Soldiers' Trust Fund</i>	
Grace S. Martin, Treas., $\frac{1}{2}$ appropriation	\$ 50.00
Walter L. Niles, Treas., $\frac{1}{2}$ appropriation	50.00
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	\$ 100.00
<i>Water Department</i>	
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Bond	\$ 7.50
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, labor and materials	377.57
Eddy Valve Co., hydrant valve	9.90
Aaron E. Stevens, supplies	6.50

Frank A. Smith, labor	185.40
Frank A. Smith, Commission on Water Rent Collections	109.47
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	\$ 696.34

Cemeteries

Wm. Fuller, cleaning Center Cemetery	\$ 18.00
Arthur Hapgood, cleaning Center Cemetery	23.00
Fred Hapgood, cleaning Center Cemetery	17.00
Murray Celley, mowing Center Cemetery	50.00
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., bond	5.00
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	\$ 113.00

Damages and Legal Expenses

Edson C. Eastman, dog tags and record book	\$ 9.80
William Lehnert, Legal Services	58.68
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	\$ 68.48

Taxes Bought by Town

Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector	\$ 1,905.26
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Retirement

N. H. Retirement System, Town Share for Delia B. Hapgood	\$ 278.65
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Interest

Farmers & Traders Bank, Temporary Loan	\$ 32.67
Farmers & Traders Bank, Fire Station Note	50.00
Lancaster National Bank, Water Bonds	700.00
Robert P. Burroughs, Water Notes	137.50
First Nat'l Bank of Westboro, Mass., Water Notes	165.00
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	\$ 1085.17

Temporary Loans

Farmers & Traders National & Savings Bank	\$ 7,000.00
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Bonds and Notes

Lancaster National Bank, Water Bonds and Notes	\$ 5,000.00
Farmers & Traders Bank, Fire Station	

Note	1,000.00
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	\$ 6,000.00
<i>County Tax</i>	
J. Arthur Sullivan, County Treasurer	\$ 4,096.21
<i>School District</i>	
Amy J. Blodgett, District Treasurer	\$28,720.68
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$70,858.20

Audit Report

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

February 19, 1952

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, and, with exceptions as noted herein, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town of Stratford on December 31, 1952, and the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
Hugh J. Cassidy,
Edgar O. Pesquera,
Accountants

Exhibit A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
As of December 31, 1951 and December 31, 1952

Assets	December 31, 1951 (Revised)	December 31, 1952
Cash:		
In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 15,400.10	\$ 18,123.92
In Hands of Tax Collector		110.21
In Hands of Librarian		.61
		\$ 18,234.74
Accounts Due Town:		
From State:		
Bounties	\$ 62.75	\$ 28.75
Rent	500.00	
Provencher Estate	406.55	406.55
Water Rent	1,218.37	1,227.70
		1,663.00
Income a/c Rollin Baldwin Trust Fund Contra	2,187.67	210.15
	78.88	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1951		\$ 1,283.91
Levy of 1950	\$ 412.80	320.65

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
As of December 31, 1951 and December 31, 1952

Assets	December 31, 1951 (Revised)	December 31, 1952
Levies of Previous Years	603.85	461.76
	1,016.65	2,066.32
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1952		\$ 9,108.79
Levy of 1951	\$ 6,051.46	67.20
Levies of Prior Years	1,605.43	1,239.76
	7,656.89	10,415.75
State Head Taxes:		
Levy of 1951	260.00	450.00
Levy of 1952		
Total Assets	\$ 26,600.19	\$ 33,039.96
Net Debt	17,821.37	12,877.28
Total Assets and Net Debt	\$ 44,421.56	\$ 45,917.24

Liabilities	December 31, 1951 (Revised)	December 31, 1952
Accounts Owed By Town		\$ 38.61
Unexpended Balances — Special Appropriations:		
Blister Rust	\$ 50.00	100.00
Due to State:		
Special \$3.00 Polls — Uncollected	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Head Taxes — Levy of 1951	260.00	
Head Taxes — Levy of 1952		450.00
Due to School District:		
A/c Appropriation	272.00	462.00
Income a/c Rollin Baldwin Trust Fund (Contra)	16,020.68	23,106.48
	78.88	210.15
Long Term Notes:		
Water Department	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Station	2,000.00	1,000.00
Bonds Outstanding:		
Water Department	13,000.00	11,000.00
	15,000.00	11,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 44,421.56	\$ 45,917.24
Total Liabilities	\$ 44,421.56	\$ 45,917.24

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1952

	Appro.	Receipts & Reimburse.	Total Available	Expend.	Unexpend.	Balance Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 45.27	\$ 2,240.27	\$ 2,224.55	\$ 15.72	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00	12.32	1,212.32	1,099.73	112.59	
Social Security & Retirement	221.03		221.03	278.65		\$ 57.62
Election & Registration Expenses	250.00		250.00	314.80		64.80
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,500.00	731.00	2,231.00	2,134.17	96.83	
Police Department	100.00		100.00	52.00	48.00	
Fire Dept. Including Forest Fires	500.00	123.00	623.00	1,090.04		467.04
Blister Rust - Moth Extermination	50.00	(*)	100.00			
Health Department	2,000.00	1,059.30	3,059.30	3,164.77		105.47
Dump	10.00		10.00		10.00	
Vital Statistics	15.00		15.00	15.95		.95
Town Road Aid	108.61		108.61	108.61		
Town Maintenance (S-850) (W-750)	1,600.00	20.00	1,620.00			
Cutting Brush etc.	500.00		500.00	2,950.17		580.17
Special Plowing	200.00		200.00			

(*) \$50.00 carried forward from 1952 and \$100.00 carried to 1953 as a Liability

General Expense of Highway Dept.	50.00			
Insurance	472.13	50.00	472.13	
Street Lighting	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,436.44	86.44
Sewer Maintenance	225.00	225.00	227.00	2.00
Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Old Age Assistance	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,216.27	43.73
Town Poor	500.00	500.00	950.91	450.91
Aid to Soldiers & Their Families	250.00	351.25	176.34	174.91
Memorial Day etc.	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Parks & Playgrounds	11.00	11.00	6.55	4.45
Water and Electric Utilities	700.00	700.00	696.34	8.66
Cemeteries	100.00	100.00	113.00	
Damages and Legal Expense	100.00	100.00	68.48	31.52
Payments on Principal of Debt	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Interest	1,077.50	1,077.50	1,085.17	
Temporary Loans		7,000.00	7,000.00	7.67
County Tax	4,096.21	4,096.21	4,096.21	
School District:				
1951-52 Appropriation		16,020.68	16,020.68	(**)
1952-53 Appropriation	35,806.48	35,806.48	12,700.00	(***)
Overlay	543.97	543.97	303.20	240.77
(**) \$16,020.68 carried forward from 1952				
(***) \$23,106.48 forwarded to 1953 as a Liability				

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1952

	Appro.	Receipts & Reimburse.	Total Available	Expend.	Unexpend.	Balance Overdraft
Surveying Town Lines		91.13	91.13	307.00		215.87
Bounties				28.75	(****)	
State Head Tax & Penalties - 1951 a/c		231.77	231.77	231.77		
State Head Tax & Penalties - 1952 a/c		1,986.46	1,986.46	1,986.46		
	\$ 63,691.93	\$ 11,401.50	\$ 91,164.11	\$ 69,256.14	\$ 782.18	\$ 2,051.94

(****) \$28.75 forwarded as an Asset to 1953

EXHIBIT G
SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1952
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$49,214.70	
Poll Taxes	896.00	
Yield Taxes	2,816.87	
	—————	\$52,927.57

Added Taxes:

Poll Taxes	\$ 6.00	
Yield Taxes	104.39	
	—————	110.39
		\$53,037.96

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$40,186.57	
Poll Taxes	672.00	
Yield Taxes	2,575.23	
	—————	\$43,433.80

Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes	\$ 128.80	
Poll Taxes	62.00	
Yield Taxes	196.86	
	—————	387.66

Uncollected Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$8,899.33	
Poll Taxes	168.00	
Yield Taxes	45.16	
	—————	9,112.49

	\$52,933.95	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1952 a/c Yield Taxes	104.01	
	—————	\$53,037.96

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS — LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1952

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Abatements Allowed:									
a/c Property Taxes								32.40	32.40
a/c Poll Taxes	26.00	54.00							80.00
Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1952:									
Property Taxes	13.60	150.34	187.81				788.11	\$ 38.40	1,178.26
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	26.00	24.00	22.00				4.00	2.00	90.00
Poll Taxes @ \$3.00								\$ 4.00	4.00
Yield Taxes	27.60							6.00	6.00
	\$6,053.46	\$ 271.21	\$ 287.36	\$1,004.06	\$ 40.40	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$7,931.90
Less:									
Excess Credit a/c Poll Taxes	2.00								2.00
	\$6,053.46	\$ 271.21	\$ 287.36	\$1,004.06	\$ 40.40	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$7,929.90

Exhibit J

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1952

Debits	1951	1950	1949	1946	1945	1943	1939	1937	Total
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1951	\$ 412.80	\$ 412.32		\$ 40.50	\$ 44.39	\$ 37.75	\$ 48.20	\$ 20.69	\$1,016.65
Tax Sale, April 25, 1952	\$1,905.26								1,905.26
Interest After Sale	21.54	.67	11.97						34.18
	\$1,926.80	\$ 413.47	\$ 424.29	\$ 40.50	\$ 44.39	\$ 37.75	\$ 48.20	\$ 20.69	\$2,956.09
Credits	1951	1950	1949	1946	1945	1943	1939	1937	Total
Remittances to Treasurer									
a/c Redemptions	\$ 621.35	\$ 92.15	\$ 112.09		\$ 30.00				\$ 855.59
a/c Interest	21.54	.67	11.97						34.18
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1952	1,283.91	320.65	300.23	\$ 40.50	\$ 44.39	7.75	\$ 48.20	\$ 20.69	2,066.32
	\$1,926.80	\$ 413.47	\$ 424.29	\$ 40.50	\$ 44.39	\$ 37.75	\$ 48.20	\$ 20.69	\$2,956.09

EXHIBIT I
SUMMARY OF STATE HEAD TAXES
Levies of 1951 and 1952
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

DEBITS

	— Levy of —	
	1952	1951
Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1951		\$260.00
Committed to Collector	\$2,590.00	
Added Taxes	45.00	30.00
Penalties Collected	2.00	21.50
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	\$2,637.00	\$311.50

CREDITS

Remittances to the Treasurer:		
A/c Head Taxes	\$2,025.00	\$215.00
A/c Penalties	2.00	21.50
By Abatements	160.00	75.00
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1952	450.00	
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	\$2,637.00	\$311.50

EXHIBIT L

NORTH STRATFORD LIBRARY
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AND
PROOF OF TREASURER'S BALANCE
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Balance December 31, 1951		\$ 200.25
Receipts:		
Town Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Rent	24.00	
Fines	3.00	
Miscellaneous	.33	
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		\$ 727.58
Expenditures:		
Librarian's Salary	\$ 154.00	
Fuel	32.05	
Books, Magazines	129.55	
Electricity	21.98	
Mending Supplies	9.75	

Janitor Service	7.00	
Trustee's Salaries	45.00	
Bank Service charges	2.37	
Miscellaneous	.72	
	<hr/>	402.42
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		\$ 325.16

Proof of Balance

Balance in the Lancaster Nat'l Bank		
per statement dated Dec. 26, 1952	\$ 373.25	
Less: Outstanding Checks	48.70	
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	\$ 324.55	
Cash on Hand -- Dec. 31, 1952	.61	
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Reconciled Bank Balance Dec. 31, 1952		\$ 325.16

EXHIBIT O**SUMMARY OF ROLLIN A. BALDWIN TRUST FUND
INCOME ACCOUNT**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Balance December 31, 1951	\$ 78.88	
Income from Investment during year	342.34	
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Expenditures:		
Payment to Worthy Persons		211.07
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		\$ 210.15

Proof of Balance

Balance in Colebrook Nat'l Bank		
per statement dated Dec. 29, 1952	\$ 219.55	
Less: Outstanding Checks	9.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 210.15

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF STRATFORD, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952.

Date of Creation	Name of Fund Estate of-	How Invested	Bal. of Inc. at Begin. of Year	Income During Year	Exp'd During Year	Bal. of Inc. at End of Year
1897	N. D. Piper)	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster				
1907	Laura Johnson)	" "	621.73	15.62	15.62	621.73
1918	Isaac Johnson)	" "	110.18	2.77	2.77	110.18
1928	Isaac Crown)	" "	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
1934	Eliza Connary)	" "	300.00	7.54	7.54	300.00
1935	Clara Waters	" "	200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
1935	Alice Wheeler, 3 lots	" "	102.05	2.58	2.58	102.05
1936	Florence French, 2 lots	Plymouth G. S. Bank, Plymouth	104.06	2.61	2.61	104.06
1937	Rev. L. W. Prescott	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
1939	Michael & John O. Dowd	" "	200.00	12.00	12.00	200.00
1941	Christopher Day	2 shares Siwoog. Bk. Stock, 2 lots	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
1946	G. P. Ockington & J. G. Stone	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
1946	Rev. Blanche Morey	" "	200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
1946	Ernest J. Bean	" "	101.33	2.54	2.54	103.87
1946	Frederick A. Hapgood	" "	102.99	2.58	2.58	102.99
1948	Martha Burns	" "	101.33	2.54	2.54	101.33
1948	Angelo Del Medico	" "	200.67	5.04	5.04	200.67
1948	McNally Lot, Ella Howes, donor	" "	610.03	13.34	13.34	623.37
1949	Emma Stone	" "				
1950	Seth Richardson Trust, 3 lots *	" "				

Dec. 31, 1952 — A true record Attest:—PAULINE HUNT, DELIA B. HAPGOOD, Trustees of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Mrs. Margaret Salls	1953
Mrs. Agnes Merriam	1954
Mrs. Alice Ruch	1955
Treasurer, Mrs. Amy Blodgett	
Clerk, Mrs. Edna Fuller	
Truant Officer, Miss Delia B. Hapgood	
Auditors, State Tax Commission	
Moderator, Mr. Walter Niles	
Supt. of Schools, Mr. Howard D. Fowlie	
Board meetings are called by the Chairman	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952

Summary

Cash on hand July 1, 1951	\$	18.58
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$33,120.68	
Bal. of Previous Appropriation	109.60	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Aid	10,227.19	
Federal Aid	1,552.15	
Received from Tuitions	6,958.95	
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds	3,500.00	
Received from all Other Sources	4,406.69	
		<u>59,875.26</u>
Total amt. available for school year	\$59,893.84	
Less school board orders paid	59,893.84	
		<u>0</u>
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1952		0

AMY J. BDODGETT,

District Treasurer

June 30, 1952

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1951	Balance on hand	\$ 18.58
	Selectmen, taxation	33,230.28
	Receipts from sale of hot lunches	4,391.79
	State Treasurer, School lunch reimbursement	1,230.54
July 1	State Treas., Reimbursement-- Home Economics	321.61
	State Treasurer, Reimbursement, Claremont Conference	7.13
20	Farmers & Traders Bank, Municipal Note	3,500.00
Oct. 19	State Treasurer, State Aid	10,227.19
1952		
Mar. 7	G. H. S. Activities Fund, Sale of property	7.77
14	Harry Savage, Tuition	62.50
17	Bloomfield School Dist., Tuition	1,050.00
27	Town of Brunswick, Tuition	1,425.00
Apr. 15	School Dist. of Columbia, Tuition	87.50
June 11	Town of Brunswick, Tuition	1,405.40
11	Town of Maidstone, Tuition	1,626.50
16	Town of Columbia, Tuition	87.50
25	Harry Savage, Tuition	62.50
30	Town of Bloomfield, Tuition	1,152.05
<i>Total Receipts During Year</i>		\$59,893.84

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952

Receipts

Federal Aid:

Home Economics	\$ 321.61
National School Lunch	1,230.54
	\$ 1,552.15

State Aid:

Equalization fund	\$10,227.19
	\$10,227.19

Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation	\$33,120.68
Bal. of Prev. Appropriation	109.60

Total	\$33,230.28
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Other Sources:

Elementary School Tuitions	\$2,540.50
Secondary School Tuitions	4,418.45
Notes (money borrowed)	3,500.00
Other receipts	4,406.69

Total	\$14,865.64
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Total Net Receipts from all Sources	\$59,875.26
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1951	18.58

<i>Grand Total Net Receipts</i>	<i>\$59,893.84</i>
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Payments

	Total Amount	Support of High School	Support of Elemen. School
Administration:			
Salaries of dist. officers	\$ 250.00	\$ 77.50	\$ 172.50
Supt.'s salary (local share)	596.32	184.86	411.46
Tax for state wide supervision	478.00	109.94	368.06
Sal. of other adm. personnel	409.48	126.94	282.54
Supplies and expenses	527.54	163.54	364.00
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	23,937.51	8,145.18	15,792.33
Principals' Salaries	3,700.00	3,700.00	
Books & other instruc. aids	1,478.93	394.28	1,084.65
Scholars' supplies	1,551.87	344.29	1,207.58
Supplies & other expenses	273.25	57.13	216.12
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors	1,510.00	479.80	1,030.20
Fuel	1,374.94	390.30	984.64
Water, light, supplies & exp.	734.13	237.75	496.38
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and replacements	2,339.33	504.87	1,834.46
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision	500.00	150.00	350.00
Transportation	5,360.00	840.00	4,520.00

Special activities & spec. funds	753.17	166.23	586.94
School Lunch (federal & district funds only)	5,622.33	1,874.11	3,748.22
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement	1,815.40	605.15	1,210.25
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses	534.40	178.13	356.27
Capital Outlay:			
Additions & improvements to buildings	3,310.47	1,100.00	2,210.47
New equipment	2,602.52	872.77	1,729.75
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt	189.53		
Interest on debt	44.72		
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Total payments for all purposes	\$59,893.84	\$20,702.77	\$38,956.82
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1952)	0		
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GRAND TOTAL	\$59,893.84		
General Expense: Principal of debt	\$189.53		
Interest on debt	44.72		
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Total		\$234.25	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

1951-1952

Salaries of District Officers

Alice Ruch, school board salary	\$ 75.00	
Margaret Salls, school board salary	60.00	
Agnes Merriam, school board salary	60.00	
Amy Blodgett, treasurer	50.00	
Edna Fuller, clerk	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 250.00

Superintendent's Salary -- Local Share

Supervisory Union, No. 58	\$ 596.32
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Tax for State Wide Supervision

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 478.00
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Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel

Supervisory Union, No. 58,

Secretary	\$389.48	
George Zoulias, census	20.00	
		\$ 409.48

Supplies and Expenses

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$145.32	
Lewis Marshall, P. M.	18.16	
Supervisory Union, No. 58	315.30	
State Tax Commission	43.16	
Coos County Democrat	5.60	
		\$ 527.54

Principals' and Teachers' Salaries

Florence Daley	\$2,100.00	
Russell Davis, Jr.	2,450.00	
Nathalie Fuller	2,127.47	
Leslie Hyberts	2,500.00	
Harold Lary	2,500.00	
Grace Martin	2,350.00	
Edith McGuire	2,300.00	
Mary Nugent	2,300.00	
Arthur Tuttle	2,400.00	
Ethel Wheeler	2,300.00	
George Zoulias	3,700.00	
Physical Education	300.00	
Substitutes	310.04	
		\$27,637.51

Books and Other Instructional Aids

Denoyer Geppert Co.	\$ 166.41
American Book Co.	215.82
Gregg Publishing Co.	22.98
Educators Progress Co.	.51
Scott Foresman Co.	234.19
Houghton Mifflin Co.	163.20
Stratford High School Activities	100.00
Benton Review Publishing Co.	8.55
Beckley Cardy Co.	46.26
Wilcox Follett Co.	49.95
Arlo Publishing Co.	14.93
John C. Winston Co.	69.72
Allyn & Bacon	7.62
D. C. Heath Co.	9.40
Study Film Center	8.00
Martin & Murray Co.	60.60

Aaron E. Stevens	4.20	
H. M. Rowe Co.	2.91	
Iroquois Pub. Co.	2.57	
Silver Burdette Co.	4.97	
MacMillan Co.	4.44	
Ginn & Co.	153.70	
Educative Service Co.	128.00	
		<hr/> \$ 1,478.93

Scholars' Supplies

Northern Office Supply Co.	\$ 28.62	
H. F. Carr Agency	31.10	
Mainco Trading Co.	3.51	
South Western Publishing Co.	22.94	
Beckley Cardy Co.	69.94	
Benton Review Co.	14.57	
California Test Bureau	132.74	
Edward E. Babb Co.	217.15	
Scott Foresman Co.	484.18	
American Book Co.	6.23	
Wilcox Follett Co.	12.60	
Aaron E. Stevens	21.28	
Kinsman Paper Co.	26.75	
American Education Press	70.50	
J. L. Hammett Co.	30.06	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	2.00	
Northumberland School Dist.	377.70	
		<hr/> \$ 1,551.87

Supplies and Other Expenses

Frontier Press Co.	\$ 27.00	
Stratford High School Activities	33.00	
Edward E. Babb Co.	22.62	
J. L. Hammett Co.	25.17	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	5.00	
Amy Blodgett	5.00	
Essex County Herald	26.96	
American Education Press	128.50	
		<hr/> \$ 273.25

Salaries of Janitors

John Drapeau	\$960.00	
Arthur Hapgood	550.00	
		<hr/> \$ 1,510.00

Fuel

Ernest J. Normandeau	\$ 259.52
Charles M. Taylor	36.00

Raymond Marges	10.00
Charles Leighton	4.00
Charles Stinson	4.00
Canadian National R. R.	319.12
Burl Howland	82.50
Elias Lyman Coal Co.	659.80
	<hr/> \$ 1,374.94

Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses

Stratford Water Dept.	\$ 156.25
Aaron E. Stevens	24.43
Public Service Co.	503.82
Ralph Emerson	12.44
Neil E. Wilkinson	4.17
C. B. Dolge Co.	28.00
H. W. Silsby	5.02
	<hr/> \$ 734.13

Repairs and Replacements

Nugents Plumbing & Heat'g	\$ 887.13
Harry E. Savage	357.11
Freida Page	49.00
Ora Howland	49.00
May Robie	42.00
Helen Godreau	15.00
Neil Wilkinson	46.46
Aaron E. Stevens	13.50
Scribner	50.00
Arthur Hapgood	45.00
John Drapeau	50.50
H. F. Carr Agency	23.85
Rex E. York	603.18
Ralph Emerson	4.10
Eastern Fire Equipment	27.20
Brodart Industries	3.90
Stewart A. Frizzell	5.00
Beaudette & Co.	2.70
J. S. Beaton & Sons	39.70
Richard Rathburn	25.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,339.33

Health Supervision

Town of Stratford	\$ 500.00
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Transportation

Arthur L. Hapgood	\$ 540.00
Earl McMann	3,000.00
Leo Normandeau	520.00

Loyal P. Brown	1,300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,360.00

Special Activities and Special Funds

Stratford High School		
Activities	\$ 367.00	
Cambosco Scientific Co.	6.23	
Hazel E. Pierce	80.00	
A. G. Gosselin Co.	85.59	
J. E. Faltin Motor Trans-		
portation Co.	1.70	
No. Stratford Hot Lunch Fund	86.11	
Interstate Restaurant Equip-		
ment Co.	126.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 753.23

Retirement

N. H. Employees Retirement		
System	\$ 111.62	
N. H. Teachers Retirement		
System	1,656.48	
Supervisory Union, No. 58		
(Supt. Retirement)	47.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,815.40

Insurance

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co.	\$ 534.40
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Additions and Improvements to Buildings

H. E. Savage & Son	\$ 3,310.47
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New Equipment

Neil Wilkinson	\$ 685.00	
H. M. Rowe Co.	26.60	
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.	1.55	
General Electric Supply Corp.	27.19	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	7.00	
American Playground Device		
Co.	306.78	
Underwood Corporation	200.00	
Paris Lumber Co.	120.00	
Gledhill Brothers Co.	172.40	
Hammond Desk Co.	114.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	942.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,602.52

Principal of Debt

Farmers & Traders National Bank	\$ 189.53
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Interest on Debt

Farmers & Traders National Bank	\$ 44.72
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<i>School Lunch</i>	
No. Stratford Hot Lunch Fund	
(Lunch Sales)	\$4,391.73
(Federal Reimbursement)	1,230.54
	\$ 5,622.27
 <i>Total Payments for All Purposes,</i> 1951-1952	
	\$59,893.84

BALANCE SHEET

<i>Assets</i> , June 30, 1952	000.00
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	\$3,310.47
	<i>Grand Total</i>
	\$3,310.47
Liabilities, June 30, 1952	
Notes Outstanding	\$3,310.47
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	000.00
	<i>Grand Total</i>
	\$3,310.47

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET

Summary

	Expend. for 1951-52	Estim. for 1952-53	Budget for 1953-54
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 250.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 305.00
Supt. salary (local share)	596.32	826.80	826.80
Tax for state wide supervision	478.00	496.00	496.00
Salaries of other adm. personnel	409.48	501.40	501.40
Supplies and expenses	527.54	503.60	503.60
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	27,637.51	29,700.00	31,850.00
Books & other instructional aids	1,478.93	705.25	805.25
Scholars' supplies	1,551.87	756.25	856.25
Supplies and other expenses	273.25	200.00	200.00

Operation of School Plant			
Salaries of janitors	1,510.00	1,620.00	1,700.00
Fuel	1,374.94	2,295.00	2,295.00
Water, light supplies and expenses	734.13	670.00	670.00
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and replacements	2,339.33	3,200.00	2,700.00
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	500.00	625.00	625.00
Transportation	5,360.00	5,340.00	6,490.00
Special activities & spec. funds	753.23	1,180.00	1,180.00
School Lunch (federal and district funds)	5,622.27		
Fixed Charges			
Retirement	1,815.40	2,125.93	2,300.00
Insurance, treas. bond and expenses	534.40	479.00	479.00
Capital Outlay			
Additions & improvements to bldgs.	3,310.47		
New equipment	2,602.52	550.00	650.00
Debt and Interest	234.25	1,089.44	1,089.44
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$59,893.84	\$53,133.67	\$56,522.74
Receipts			
Cash on hand	\$ 18.58		
From Town Appropriation	33,230.28	\$35,806.48	\$41,470.72
State Aid	10,227.19	10,227.19	10,052.02
Federal Aid	1,552.15	100.00	
Tuition	6,958.95	7,000.00	5,000.00
School Lunch	4,391.73		
Other Receipts	14.96		
Money Borrowed—(Note for roof)	3,500.00		
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	\$59,893.84	\$53,133.67	\$56,522.74

BUDGET FOR 1953-1954

School Board's estimate of the amount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations for the year beginning July 1, 1953.

Detailed Statement of Proposed Expenditures

Support of Schools:

	High Sch.	Elem.	Total
Salaries of Teachers & Prin.	\$13,950.00	\$17,900.00	\$31,850.00
Books & other instructional aids	268.25	537.00	805.25
Scholars' supplies	356.25	500.00	856.25
Supplies & other expenses	125.00	75.00	200.00
Salaries of janitors	475.00	1,225.00	1,700.00
Fuel	765.00	1,530.00	2,295.00
Water, light, supplies & expenses	220.00	450.00	670.00
Repairs & replacements	900.00	1,800.00	2,700.00
Health supervision	200.00	425.00	625.00
Transportation	2,000.00	4,490.00	6,490.00
Special activities and special funds	390.00	790.00	1,180.00
Total	\$19,649.50	\$29,722.00	\$49,371.50

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 305.00	
Superintendent's salary, (local share)	826.80	
Tax for state wide supervision	496.00	
Sal. of other adm. personnel	501.40	
Supplies & expenses	503.60	
State Retirement	2,300.00	
Insurance	479.00	
New equipment	650.00	
Debt and interest	1,089.44	
		7,151.24
Total Estimated Expense		\$56,522.74

Estimated Income of the District	
Other Than Taxation:	
State Aid	\$10,052.02
Tuition	5,000.00
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Total Estimated Income	15,052.02
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Assessment required to balance budget	\$41,470.72

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET SALLS,
AGNES MERRIAM,
ALICE RUCH,
School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Stratford:

I have the pleasure of submitting my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Stratford. The financial data included in this report covers the fiscal year July 1, 1951 through June 30, 1952. Statistical data and other information in general is for the current school year, 1952-1953. Consideration of these factors should give the reader opportunity to evaluate the school program.

Immediately following this section is a grade placement chart showing the number and location of children in our schools. Information is included to show the teaching load at grade level and subject matter taught at Junior and Senior High level. It will be noted that Mrs. Mary Nugent now has enrolled 45 pupils in her room.

Not only is this too many pupils for effective teaching but since the room is only of the size recommended for 28 pupils a factor of health and safety enters. To correct this situation the parents have been advised that the members of the sixth grade will be transported to the Stratford Hollow school where more room is available. In the exchange pupils now in the seventh grade at the Hollow will be brought to North Stratford. In this way the

change advocated in last year's report will be effected.

Again this year there has been a marked turn-over in personnel in the high school. Four out of five of the teachers including the principal are new. Mr. Robert Cushing, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire was engaged to take Mr. Zoulias' place; Miss Marie Lantelme, a graduate of New York University in place of Mr. Hyberts; Mr. Robitaille, a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College in place of Mr. Tuttle, and Mr. Martin, a graduate of Norwich University, returned from service in the armed forces to take the place of Mr. Davis. Although these new teachers have proved most satisfactory so many changes in one year are almost sure to interrupt the continuity of the school program. Most of the changes were brought about by opportunity for the teachers to better their positions in salary. This emphasizes the necessity of providing sufficient funds in the district budget to allow the school board to engage and hold good teachers.

There has been some objection from the tuition towns that the high school did not offer such courses as Home Economics and Industrial Arts. For the past two years the district by eliminating \$3,500.00 each year from the budget has in effect refused to authorize the board to operate these courses. So that there may be no confusion in the issue the school board has inserted a special article dealing with Home Economics. If this article is approved, provision will also be made to have some work in Industrial Arts and Shop for the boys.

During the past year the school has been much benefited by playground equipment provided by the local Parent-Teachers organization. This is only one of the several projects undertaken by this group. Another was the Christmas party for the children. Active interest by the parents motivates the whole school program.

The hot lunch program started last year by the Parent-Teachers organization has now become self-sustaining and has been extended to the Stratford Hollow schools. Over 200 lunches are served daily and the children show definite evidence as to what

extent they benefit by the meals. Both at North Stratford and Stratford Hollow the lunches conform to all specifications of State and National requirements for approved programs.

In setting up a budget for the coming year the School Board has been mindful of the ever-rising costs of goods and services. Although school costs lag behind other services, they, too, go up and such increases are reflected in the budget. The Board makes no apology for the figures presented but points out that they represent the minimum probable costs to maintain our present equipment and carry on at least our present program. The only new expense is the possible inclusion of a music instructor one day per week.

I write this report in sincere appreciation of the interest of the parents and townspeople, the loyalty and efficiency of the teachers and the hard work and personal contributions of the School Board members. Thank you for this opportunity to report.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD D. FOWLIE,
Superintendent of Schools.

Grade placement chart follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
High Schools*									22	28	19	18	87
Junior High*							16	19					35
Mary Nugent					31	14							45
Grace Martin			17	19									36
Florence Daley		28											28
Edith McGuire	24												24
Ethel Wheeler				5	4	6	4						19
Nathalie Fuller	8	6	6										20
	32	34	23	24	35	20	20	19	22	28	19	18	294

* At 7th Grade and above school work is departmentalized so that no student's class time is identified with any single teacher.

Robert Cushing Principal	Mathematics
Marie A. Lantelme	Business
Harold Lary	English
Martin Harwood	Science
Wilfred J. Robitaille	Social Studies

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1953-1954

First Term (71 days)

September 9, Wednesday, School Opens
November 25, Wednesday, one session
November 26, 27, Thanksgiving Recess
December 18, Friday, one session

Second Term (35 days)

January 4, Monday, School Opens
February 19, Friday School Closes

Third Term (40 days)

March 1, Monday, School Opens
April 16, Good Friday, one session
April 23, Friday, School Closes

Fourth Term (34 days)

May 3, Monday, School Opens
May 31, Memorial Day Observance
June 18, Friday, School Closes

SCHOOL YEAR--180 DAYS

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Graduation

June 18, 1954

Below is an attested copy of the certificate of audit issued December 10, 1952 by the State Tax Commission, Concord, New Hampshire.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Stratford School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1952, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included here-with reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1952, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully, submitted,
HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE TOWN OF

STRATFORD, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age & Occupation of Groom & Bride	Place of Birth of Each	No. of Marriages and Names, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married
August 26 No. Stratford	Wayne Cole	Island Pond, Vt.	25 Brakeman	Island Pond, Vt.	2 Rev. E. M. Fuller
August 10 No. Stratford	Marion Moulton	Island Pond, Vt.	21 Housework	Island Pond, Vt.	2 Stratford
August 10 No. Stratford	Burton Danforth	No. Stratford	41 Millwork	W. Stewartstown	2 Rev. E. M. Fuller
April 26 No. Stratford	Hilda Davis	No. Stratford	32 Millwork	Canada	2 Stratford
April 26 No. Stratford	Carlos Dodge	Guildhall, Vt.	45 Paperfinisher	Mass.	2 Rev. E. M. Fuller
November 22 No. Stratford	Beulah Robie	No. Stratford	26 Millworker	Pittsburg	1 Stratford
November 22 Lancaster	Winston LaBounty	Lancaster	26 Shipper	Vt.	1 Rev. G. W. Wiseman
May 17 Stratford	Joan Treadwell	Stratford	21 U. S. Army	Groveton	1 Lancaster
July 19 No. Stratford	Stuart McMann	Groveton	18 Millworker	Island Pond, Vt.	1 Rev. L. H. Moulton
August 14 No. Stratford	Marion Corliss	No. Stratford	19 U. S. Navy	Vt.	1 Northumberland
August 14 No. Stratford	Neil Perro	Manchester	21 Student	N. H.	1 Rev. L. J. Poulin
August 14 No. Stratford	Patricia Hunt	No. Stratford	32 Millwork	Lancaster	1 No. Stratford
May 24 Groveton	Joseph Patnaude	No. Stratford	27 Millwork	Lancaster	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
August 14 No. Stratford	Hazel Pike	No. Stratford	26 Laborer	Lunenburg, Vt.	1 Stratford
June 28 No. Stratford	Roland Roby	No. Stratford	27 Stenographer	Vt.	1 Rev. N. Deneault
May 3 No. Stratford	Rachael McFarland	Northumberland	24 Laborer	N. H.	1 Groveton
May 3 No. Stratford	Patricia Patnaude	Bloomfield, Vt.	16 At home	Colebrook	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
May 3 No. Stratford	Raoul St. Cyr.	No. Stratford	28 Millworker	Jefferson	1 Stratford
May 3 No. Stratford	Leona Tetreault	Gilman, Vt.	23 Millworker	Littleton	1 Rev. L. J. Poulin
May 3 No. Stratford	William Thacher	No. Stratford	28 Cook	Stratford	1 Stratford
May 3 No. Stratford	Doris Stanton	No. Stratford	18 At home	New York	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
				Colebrook	1 Stratford

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Birth Name of Child	Sex—L or S No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar. 31 Rita Ann	F L 4	Robert Belliveau	Dorothy Breault	Manchester	Stratford
Nov. 25 Karen Ann	F L 1	George Boudle	Katherine Boudle	Brunswick, Vt.	N. H.
Sept. 26 Bonnie Bea	F L 4	William Ball	Julia Jordan	Vt.	Canada
Oct. 13 Doris Adrienne	F L 6	Joseph Belanger	Marie Duchesneau	Berlin	Brownington, Vt.
Aug. 26 Flora Jean	F L 11	Murray Celley	Daisy Chase	Woodbury, Vt.	Vt.
Mar. 30 Deborah Delia	F L 3	Richard Dowse	Phyllis Reed	N. H.	N. H.
July 24 Linda Ann	F L 3	Howard Dowse	Cora Scott	Madrid, Me.	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 25 Dennis Lee	M L 1	Alton Hurley	Mary Molley	Groveton	Pittsfield, Mass.
Nov. 11 Kevin Durwood	M L 5	Durwood Gadwah	Grace Weatherstone	E. Columbia	Island Pond, Vt.
Oct. 18 Rich'd Eugene	M L 1	Harry Jeffers	Orleans King	No. Stratford	N. H.
July 14 Wm. Douglas	F L 7	Leo LaFoe	Cleora McKinney	Vt.	Vt.
Apr. 7 Jacqueline Ann	F L 4	Roger Marier	Beatrice Bissenette	Canada	Canada
Jan. 22 Mary Theresa	F L 5	Paul Morris	Rosalie Poulin	Vt.	Canada
Feb. 26 Gary William	M L 3	Francis Marshall	Anita Bergeron	Vt.	Vt.
Mar. 7 Lynda Elaine	F L 5	Arthur Monahan	Juliette Morris	Mass.	Worcester, Mass.
May 20 Maureen Lynn	F L 2	Warren McNeely	Naidina Hunt	Colebrook	Groveton
Apr. 30 Jos. Edward, Jr.	M L 1	Joseph Portigue	Lelah Richards	Stratford	Maine
May 4 Norman Frank	M L 6	Sidney Roby	Dora Reynolds	Holland, Vt.	Orleans, Vt.
June 11 Don'd Lawrence	M L 2	Lawrence Ross	Evelyn Austin	Vt.	Canada
June 13 Lenora Jane	F L 4	Harold Rich	Kyra Gladden	Madrid, Me.	Vt.
Sept. 5 Marcella Ruth	F L 1	Willard Ruch, Jr.	Ruth Bass	Columbus, Ohio	Pittsburg
Nov. 16 Alan Wayne	M L 2	Gordon Robie	Agnes Grout	Holland, Vt.	Northumberland
Feb. 9 Arthur Jas., Jr.	M L 1	Arthur Sanborn	Leandra Allen	Pittsburg	Springfield, Mass.
July 23 Sherry Lee	F L 3	Dean Scott	Louella Riff	Stewartstown	No. Stratford
Apr. 26 Bonnie Sue	F L 3	Erval Shedd	Kathleen Sassi	Craftsbury, Vt.	Hyde Park, Vt.
Oct. 27 Paula Jean	F L 2	Paul Savage	Helen Gowitzke	Bloomfield, Vt.	Woodsville
Feb. 19 Gregory David	M L 7	Clifford Young	Evelyn Swift	Stratford	Groveton

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth	Male or Female Single, Married Widowed and Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Apr. 9 Stratford	Newell N. Blodgett	78	M M R. R. Retired	Stewart Blodgett	Lucy Blodgett
Nov. 3 Stratford	Harry W. Brown	86	M W Farmer	Wellington Brown	Melissa Curtis
Jan. 8 Stratford	Clarence S. Corliss	47	M M Sect. Foreman	Leon Corliss	Mable Hand
Oct. 23 Lancaster	Jeanette T. Fuller	93	F M Housewife	Robert Thompson	Annie L. Baldwin
Feb. 18 Stratford	Gerald F. Houley	56	M W Hghy. Patr'n	George J. Houley	Fanny Williams
Oct. 12 Lancaster	Arthur L. Haggood,	76	M W Farmer		
Aug. 1 No. Stratford	Samuel R. Johnson	70	M M Blacksmith	Samuel Johnson	Emily Phillips
July 15 Stratford	Geneva M. Laythe	39	F D Housewife	Clarence Sanborn	Mildred Elliott
Aug. 23	Georgiana S. Leonard	65	F M Housewife		
Jan. 25 Concord	Amy Mason	73	F W Housewife	Riley C. Bishop	Amy Topper
Aug. 16 Portland, Me.	Blanche A. Mason	73	F W At home	Laurent Deslandes	
Jan. 20 No. Stratford	Irvin I. Peck	79	M M Teamster	Truman Peck	Helen Johnson

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MRS. EDNA FULLER, Town Clerk.

